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E. STATE 255306 (NOTAL)

1. IN COURSE OF GENERAL DISCUSSION ON DEC. 16, SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY COOPERATION, AMB SERGIO GONZALES-GALVEZ, FOREIGN
RELATIONS DIRECTOR IN CHIEF FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION
AFFAIRS, INFORMED SCICOUNS AND EMBASSY FPOLOFFS THAT IF U.S.
HAD OFFERED HOST SUBJECT CONFERENCE BEFORE MEXICO HAD EX-
PRESSED INTEREST IN HOSTING SAME (AT FEB MTG OF UN COMMITTEE
ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND AT SUMMER ECOSOC) HE WOULD
HAVE SUPPORTED US OFFER. UNTIL RECEIPT OF REF B EMB WAS UN-
AWARE OF THESE REPORTEDLY EARLIER MEXICAN INITIATIVES; EMB WOULD
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APPRECIATE KNOWING WHEN DEPT CONSIDERS THAT GOM FORMAL OFFER WAS
MADE. GONZALEZ-GALVEZ AGREED WITH RATIONALE FOR US OFFER (AS EX-
PLAINED TO HIM USING AS TALKING POINTS REF C AND E) AND
PARTICULARLY RECOGNIZED THE ADVANTAGES OF OPPORTUNITY TO INVOLVE
US PRIVATE SECTOR WITH ITS VAST TECHNOLOGICAL BASE.

2. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT NEW LOPEZ-PORTILLO ADMINISTRATION
WILL PLACE LESS EMPHASIS ON ECHEVERRIA'S DREAM OF THIRD WORLD
LEADERSHIP AND THEREFORE MAY NOT REPEAT NOT BE LOCKED IN ON
GOM OFFER TO HOST CONFERENCE ALTHOUGH TO WITHDRAW IT NOW WOULD
BE POLITICALLY DIFFICULT. IF US WILLING ACCEPT MEXICAN SECRETARY
GENERAL (PARA 3 FYI, REF D), GOM MIGHT REPEAT MIGHT
BE PERSUADED ACCEPT US BEST OFFER. AT LEAST IT IS WORTH PUR-
SUING.

3. GOM HAS SET UP SEVERAL INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUPS,
INCUDING ONE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, WHICH WILL MEET
DURING CHRISTMAS RECESS AND MAKE APPROPRIATE POLICY
RECOMMENDATIONS TO PRESIDENT.
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